

Dear Senator Toni Harp
Appropriations Committee Co-Chair
Legislative Office Building, Room 2700
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

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My name is Christi Corwin and I am a freshman in the Wamogo Agricultural Science Program in Litchfield. I live in Goshen and I attend this regional agriscience school choice program because although this is my regional high school, I am interested in the field of Animal Science. It's a lot of fun to learn new things and I want to help people and their animals. My involvement in the program will help me to get a good job later down the road as well as get into a better college.

I am writing this letter to encourage you to please urge the Appropriations Committee to pledge 9 million dollars of the school choice funding increases proposed in the Governor's budget to the state's 19 regional (vo-ag) agriscience programs.

Our agriscience programs have been drastically underfunded for over 20 years as compared to the magnet schools, charter schools, vocational technical schools and the other school choice funding programs. (Please see attached flyer with details)

This will allow hundreds of more students like me to enroll in these successful programs so they will have the same positive experience I am having now.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Christi Corwin
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